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SUBJECT: LAOS RICE EXPORTS

REF: STATE 238601

1. ACCORDING TO KHUN KASEM, CHIEF RICE EXPORT DIVISION  
FOREIGN TRADE DEPT., MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, EARLY IN 1974  
A CONTRACT WAS MADE FOR SHIPMENT FROM LAOS TO HONG KONG  
OF 500 METRIC TONS OF WHITE RICE 5 PERCENT BROKEN. THE FIRST  
SHIPMENT OF 200 METRIC TONS ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN  
APRIL 1974. THE QUALITY OF THE RICE DID NOT MEET STANDARDS  
AND THE CONTRACT WAS CANCELLED. NO ADDITIONAL SHIPMENTS  
WERE MADE.

2. COMMENT: THE LAOS RICE SHIPMENT MAY HAVE BEEN THAI  
RICE. LAOS EXPORTERS MUST HAVE A TRANSIT PERMIT TO MOVE  
RICE THROUGH THAILAND. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION  
THAT THE RICE SHIPPED TO HONG KONG WAS LOADED FOR TRANSIT  
IN THAILAND AND THE ORIGIN OF THE RICE WAS NORTHEAST  
THAILAND. EXPORTERS USING THIS METHOD COULD AVOID  
PAYMENT OF THE HIGH THAI EXPORT PREMIUM AND DOUBLE THEIR  
PROFITS ON THE EXPORT.  
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